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## **Public Notification**

## Dr. Allan Strauss, ND, licence no. 00564 (the "Registrant")

On August 10, 2017, the Inquiry Committee of the College suspended the Registrant's practice of naturopathic medicine on an interim basis under section 35(1)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183. This means that the Registrant must not practice naturopathic medicine or hold himself out as authorized to practice naturopathic medicine.

The College's interim action is based on the unproven allegations that the Registrant repeatedly contravened the terms of an October 11, 2016 order made by the Inquiry Committee under section 35(1)(a) of the *Act* (the "First Order"). The First Order, found <u>here</u>, placed certain limits and conditions on the Registrant's practice of naturopathic medicine.

The unproven allegations which form the basis of the current order are that the Registrant, in contravention of the First Order:

- a. injected two patients with a substance for a cosmetic purpose subsequent to October 11, 2016;
- b. offered to inject a substance for a cosmetic purpose to an undercover investigator on or about June 26, 2017; and
- c. held himself out as being authorized to perform injections for a cosmetic purpose to undercover investigators on June 13, 2017 and June 26, 2017.

The Committee considers it necessary to take the above interim action due to the seriousness of the alleged conduct and a real risk of harm to the public. This interim order will be in effect until the allegations are adjudicated at a future hearing or otherwise concluded

The Inquiry Committee has the power to take interim action, including suspension and the imposition of limits and conditions, against registrants under section 35 of the Act. Measures taken under section 35(1) pertain to matters which are and remain unproven unless admitted by a registrant or determined by the Discipline Committee.

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